

## AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A fastener assembly comprising:
  - a plate having a bearing surface and an oppositely disposed top surface;
  - a stud held within said plate, said stud having a pointed end, an oppositely disposed head, and a shank, said head being disposed above said top surface, and a substantial portion of said shank being disposed above said top surface of said plate so that said stud may be received in the barrel of a power actuated gun; and
  - an extending portion extending from the bearing surface and away from the head of the stud; wherein said plate further comprises a groove corresponding in location to said extending portion, said groove extending the length of the bearing surface.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 1 further comprising:
  - an attachment leg angularly attached to said plate.
4. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 3 wherein:
  - said extending portion extends parallel to a plane of said attachment leg.
5. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 1 further comprising:
  - said plate comprises a raised portion.
6. (Withdrawn) A fastener assembly as in claim 1 further comprising:
  - a cone formed on said plate , said cone holding said stud.
7. (Withdrawn) A fastener assembly as in claim 5 wherein:
  - said stud does not extend below the bearing surface.

8. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 5 wherein:  
said stud extends below the bearing surface.
9. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 1 wherein:  
the extending portion further serves as guide means, formed in said plate, for  
guiding the fastener assembly in a track.
10. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 5 further comprising:  
means, formed in said plate, for assisting collapse of the raised portion.
11. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly comprising:  
a plate having a bearing surface and an oppositely disposed top surface;  
a stud held within said plate, said stud having a pointed end, an oppositely  
disposed head, and a shank, said head being disposed above said top  
surface; and  
guide means, placed on said plate, for guiding the fastener assembly within a  
track, said guide means comprising an extending portion extending from the  
bearing surface and away from the head of the stud.
12. (Currently amended) A fastener assembly comprising:  
a plate having a bearing surface;  
a stud held within said plate; and  
guide means, placed on said plate, for guiding the fastener assembly within a  
track; wherein  
said guide means comprises a groove, said groove extending the length of  
the bearing surface.
13. (Withdrawn) A fastener assembly comprising:  
a plate having a bearing surface;  
a stud held within said plate; and  
guide means, placed on said plate, for guiding the fastener assembly within a  
track; wherein

said guide means comprises a tab.

14. (Currently amended) A fastener assembly as in claim 11 further comprising:  
a raised portion formed in said plate, said raised portion creating an initial bearing surface, and said raised portion collapsing when said stud is driven such that a broad bearing surface is created that has a greater surface area than said initial bearing surface.
15. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 12 further comprising:  
an attachment leg angularly attached to said plate, and said groove extends parallel to a plane of said attachment leg.
16. (Currently amended) A fastener assembly comprising:  
a plate having a raised portion, said raised portion creating an initial bearing surface, and said raised portion collapsing when said stud is driven such that a broad bearing surface is created that has a greater surface area than said initial bearing surface;  
a stud held within said plate; and  
a plurality of grooves formed within the raised portion of said plate, whereby said plurality of grooves assists the raised portion to collapse when the fastener assembly is driven by a power actuated gun.
17. (Withdrawn) A fastener assembly as in claim 16 wherein:  
the raised portion of said plate has a substantially rectangular cross section.
18. (Withdrawn) A fastener assembly as in claim 17 wherein:  
one of said plurality of grooves is placed at each corner of said rectangular cross section.
19. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 16 wherein:  
the raised portion of said plate comprises a portion of a cylinder.

20. (Currently amended) A fastener assembly feeding system for use with a power actuated gun comprising:

- a plurality of unattached plates;
  - a stud held within each of said plates, the plates and the studs associated therewith making individual fastener assemblies;
  - an extending portion formed on each of said plates;
  - a feeding track; and
  - a mating portion formed on said track, said mating portion complementing said extending portion,
- whereby the fastener assemblies are ~~[[is]]~~ guided along said feeding track.

21. (Previously presented) A fastener feeding system for use with a power actuated gun as in claim 20 wherein:

- said extending portion comprises a groove.

22. (Previously presented) A fastener feeding system for use with a power actuated gun as in claim 20 further comprising:

- an attachment leg angularly attached to said plate.

23. (Previously presented) A fastener feeding system for use with power a power actuated gun as in claim 20 wherein:

- said plate has a raised portion.

24. (Withdrawn) A fastener assembly feeding system for use with a power actuated gun comprising:

- a plate having a bearing leg with a raised portion and an attachment leg;
- a stud frictionally held within the raised portion of said bearing leg;
- a groove placed within said bearing leg between said stud and said attachment leg, said groove extending parallel to a plane of the attachment leg;
- a foot formed on one edge of said bearing leg;
- a tab formed in said bearing leg and extending in a direction opposite to said foot;

a track portion adapted to receive said plate;  
a mating portion formed in said track portion, said mating portion  
complementing and adapted to receive said groove; and  
a channel formed with said track portion, said channel adapted to receive  
said tab,  
whereby a plurality of fastener assemblies are guided along said track.

25. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claimed 12 further  
comprising:

a raised portion formed in said plate.

26. (Withdrawn) A fastener assembly as in claim 13 further comprising:

a raised portion formed in said plate.

27. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 5, further comprising:  
an attachment leg angularly attached to said plate.

28. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 27, wherein:  
said extending portion extends parallel to a plane of said attachment leg.

29. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 28, wherein:  
a plurality of grooves are formed within the raised portion of said plate,  
whereby said plurality of grooves assists the raised portion to collapse when  
the fastener assembly is driven by a power actuated gun.

30. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 29, wherein:  
the raised portion of said plate comprises a portion of a cylinder.

31. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 5, wherein:  
a plurality of grooves are formed within the raised portion of said plate,  
whereby said plurality of grooves assists the raised portion to collapse when  
the fastener assembly is driven by a power actuated gun.

32. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 31, wherein:  
the raised portion of said plate comprises a portion of a cylinder.
33. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 14, further comprising:  
an attachment leg angularly attached to said plate.
34. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 33, wherein:  
said extending portion extends parallel to a plane of said attachment leg.
35. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 34, wherein:  
a plurality of grooves are formed within the raised portion of said plate,  
whereby said plurality of grooves assists the raised portion to collapse when  
the fastener assembly is driven by a power actuated gun.
36. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 35, wherein:  
the raised portion of said plate comprises a portion of a cylinder.
37. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 14, wherein:  
a plurality of grooves are formed within the raised portion of said plate,  
whereby said plurality of grooves assists the raised portion to collapse when  
the fastener assembly is driven by a power actuated gun.
38. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 37, wherein:  
the raised portion of said plate comprises a portion of a cylinder.
39. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 12, wherein:  
said plate comprises a raised portion
40. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 12, further comprising:  
an attachment leg angularly attached to said plate.
41. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 40, wherein:  
said groove extends parallel to a plane of said attachment leg.

42. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 41, wherein:  
a plurality of grooves are formed within the raised portion of said plate,  
whereby said plurality of grooves assists the raised portion to collapse when  
the fastener assembly is driven by a power actuated gun.
43. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 42, wherein:  
the raised portion of said plate comprises a portion of a cylinder.
44. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 39, wherein:  
a plurality of grooves are formed within the raised portion of said plate,  
whereby said plurality of grooves assists the raised portion to collapse when  
the fastener assembly is driven by a power actuated gun.
45. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 44, wherein:  
the raised portion of said plate comprises a portion of a cylinder.
46. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 16, further comprising:  
an attachment leg angularly attached to said plate.
47. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 46, wherein:  
said groove extends parallel to a plane of said attachment leg.
48. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 47, wherein:  
the raised portion of said plate comprises a portion of a cylinder.
49. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 23, wherein:  
a plurality of grooves are formed within the raised portion of said plate,  
whereby said plurality of grooves assists the raised portion to collapse when  
the fastener assembly is driven by a power actuated gun.
50. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 49, further comprising:  
an attachment leg angularly attached to said plate.

51. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 50, wherein:  
said groove extends parallel to a plane of said attachment leg.
52. (Previously presented) A fastener assembly as in claim 51, wherein:  
the raised portion of said plate comprises a portion of a cylinder.